

ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, DELIBERATIVE, CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL
Governor's Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers
2-27-2012 Meeting Minutes
Adopted by the Task Force Members 3-26-2012

The second meeting of the Task Force was convened on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Task Force Members Present:

Allison Murphy, Senate Appointee
Colin Newman, Governor's Appointee
Nancy Thaler, Governor's Appointee

Craig Domalewski, Governor's Appointee
Valessa Goehringer, Assembly Appointee

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Craig Domalewski, Chairperson as follows:

"I hereby call to order the February 27, 2012 meeting of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers. This is a formal meeting of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers. Adequate notice of this meeting has been published in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, NJSA § 10:4-6 et seq., of the State of New Jersey entitled, "Open Public Meetings Act. " Notice was sent to the Secretary of State, who posted the notice in a public place. Notices were published in the Star Ledger, Trenton Times and Camden Courier-Post. The notice was also published on the New Jersey Department of Human Services website and the Department of Human Services' Facebook page. This statement hereby serves as the "statements in minutes of meeting on adequate notice" in compliance with NJSA § 10:4-10. "

Roll Call Barbara Booth conducted a Roll Call as follows: Craig Domalewski, Allison Murphy, Valessa Goehringer, Colin Newman, and Nancy Thaler. All responded in the affirmative.

Adopting of Minutes: Allison Murphy moved to adopt the minutes of the February 13, 2012 meeting prepared by Barbara Booth. Colin Newman seconded the motion. All members unanimously voted in favor of adopting the minutes with no alterations.

Documents Provided: Task Force members were provided the following documents in advance of the meeting:

- Department of Health Survey results for the last three years where an Immediate Jeopardy was declared or a DC was found to be out of substantial compliance with a Condition of Participation.

- Summary of United States Department of Justice involvement at New Lisbon DC and Woodbridge DC.
- Percentage of substantiated incidents of abuse, neglect and exploitation at each DC since January 1, 2011.
- Geographic Preference for individuals residing in DCs.
- The number of Bureau of Guardianship Services guardians and private guardians at each DC.
- For the last 2 years by DC the number of transfers from one DC to another DC.
- The number of individuals at each DC who are unable to communicate verbally.

Discussion:

Valessa Goehringer requested that the Task Force move to impose a moratorium on future moves from DCs until the Task Force renders their recommendations. It was agreed by the other members that this was beyond the scope of the Task Force.

The revised schedule for the Task Force which outlined meetings and tours through March 26, 2012 was distributed to the members. Gerald Hughes, DAG explained the necessity for the schedule changes.

Factors from the legislation to be considered by the Task Force were again Reviewed by the Task Force members.

Information Requested:

Division Circular regarding Transfers to Other Developmental Centers.

New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) report on individuals residing in DCs.

The ambulation ability of individuals residing at each DC by percent related to census.

The number of Full Time staff at each DC and the county where they reside.

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The number of individuals who would move to the community where the closing DC is located.

Economic Development that occurred following the closure of other DCs and psychiatric hospitals both in and out of New Jersey.

Any known desire for the land where a DC currently exists.

The geographic preference for Olmstead eligible individuals by DC.

Percentage of the total budget dedicated to staffing in DCs and community residences.

The average number of people per month for 2011 that are currently living in the community and receiving services at a DC including the type of service received.

The average number of people per month for 2011 that received respite services at a DC.

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Schedule:**

Dates for tours to DCs and Community Residences were finalized.

Dates for Constituent Groups to present testimony to the Task Force were set as was a date for an Open Public Forum.

Vice Chairperson Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Valessa Goehringer seconded the motion. The members unanimously approved.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Task Force will take place on March 26, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at Capital Place One.

Submitted By:

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